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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):  
**Rabindranath Dutta, Janani Janakiraman**For: Method and System for Exchange of Node Characteristics for Data Sharing in Peer-to-Peer Data Networks

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- ☒ 30 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 6 Pages of Claims  
☒ 7 Sheet(s) of Drawings *Formal*  
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☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation  
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## CLAIMS AS FILED

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